

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

Joint Resolutions of the City Council.

WHEREAS, Our City has been plunged into sudden and deep grief by the murder of our beloved fellow countryman and honored Chief Magistrate, ABRAHAM LINCOLN,—

And Whereas, We desire to make a record of our admiration for his distinguished public services and private virtues,—

And Whereas, We desire to give an expression of our sympathy in the great bereavement of our whole land,—therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of our President we have lost a ruler, who, by his uncompromising spirit of justice, unshaken love of liberty, unyielding integrity, and unfaltering faith, has added new glory to the office which Washington first filled, and has endeared himself to every truly American heart.

Resolved, That we shall ever hold sacred his irreproachable example in public life, joining prudence with power, firmness with leniency, patriotism with humanity, wisdom with religion.

Resolved, That we deplore the murderous assault upon our distinguished Secretary of State, the Honorable WILLIAM H. SEWARD, to whom our Nation has looked with so much confidence in his ability, integrity, and eminent statesmanship, and we earnestly hope that he may yet be spared to render further public service to his grateful Country.

Resolved, That with new ardor we pledge our property, our time, and our lives to the cause which has now laid new obligations upon us by the precious blood it has gained.

Resolved, That in the cry for punishment which goes up all over our land it shall be our effort to temper vengeance by mercy.

Resolved, That casting ourselves on the protection and guidance of the Infinite Ruler of events, we pray that through unknown ways He may turn our loss into gain, and at this sacred season of the Christian Year, that we may give back to Him the souls of the departed in the faith of Him who is “the Resurrection and the Life.”

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 15, 1865.—Passed unanimously.

WILLIAM H. HACKETT, *President.*

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 15, 1865.—Passed unanimously.

JOHN H. BAILEY, *Mayor.*

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